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a Lesson in the University of The New Covenant
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1. This is where I began taking you into the halls of orthodoxy, and I will take you more. I will take you into the inner courts and recesses of the Catholic church and every other church of orthodoxy, for I am not outside of those churches, not completely, I am inside and I am outside, but I want to be more inside than I am. So many—tradition—that's all they know. They don't even know to seek Me for truly who I am as a person, the Living and New Covenant, promised to them, if they choose Me. Oh Ted, they must choose Me in ways that are foreign to them, most of them, for they must forsake all to follow Me, else they are not worthy of Me.

2. What I want to give them, right where they are, is so very much more than they have, or than they have ever even imagined they could have. I want to give them My big world right where they are. They needn't leave orthodoxy to follow Me. But I must be central, central to their core, central to their heart and all motives, and flow out of Me into those around them, right where they are.

3. I Ted, am an orthodox Jew. I came as an orthodox Jew, though so many want to forget My Jewry. I don't Ted. I care for My Jewry. I care for orthodoxy. I care for those orthodox and those not orthodox. But I must be central, central, central in the heart of hearts, not tradition and words on a page read about, but not loved, not hugged, not experiencing My presence.

4. I am the one true and living God, the Almighty Most High God, omnipotent, omniscient and I care for My creation, I care for My body, and Ted, My body spans orthodoxy in time backward and time forward, My body spans across every cultic-thought group who seek to exalt Me. For Ted, there are those in every group who, in their quest to come to Me, did, have, and exalt Me in their hearts. They care for Me and come to Me and exalt Me. They speak to Me and however they choose to, hug Me and acknowledge Me and please me, and some Ted, really try to hear Me and My voice and serve Me.

5. Outward appearances are so deceiving, so deceiving Ted, so very deceiving. So many appear to be pious, so religious, so spiritual, so 'right-on,' and Ted, they don't know Me at all. This crosses every race, sect, denomination, and assemblages who say they seek Me. Pervasive this tragedy is, but true. So many doing just what they've been taught to do, tradition, tradition, orthodoxy, rules, and Ted, never even thinking they can truly touch Me and Me take an active role in their lives—of friendship, of protection, of relationshipping them with My friends and family in many parts of My body that they don't even think are part of My body.

6. Do not I have Catholics and Jews and orthodox of orthodoxy of every label who know Me? Yes I do, I do. I do Ted and reader/hearer. I do.

7. Hear Me and hear Me well, you who want to go around excluding all but yourselves and thinking so high and mighty of yourself and what you've been taught. Listen and hear and take heed to Me this day, this hour, this moment. I am Me. I am God Most High. I am. I was. I ever will be. I am eternity. I am more than you can possibly comprehend. I wrote, I read, and I created and I planned and I executed My desires to create mankind and the stars and planets you reside on. Now listen to Me and not small be. I have My people, My people, My people who truly love Me and adore Me and spend time with Me in every nation, every city, every sect, every denomination, of every label that exists—I am big and I am not little. I also have the opposite—people who represent themselves and their assemblages one way and are truly another in heart.

8. Ted, those who seek Me find Me. If they seek Me a little they find Me a little. If they seek Me with their whole heart they find Me greatly and in overwhelming over-abundance. Few have sought Me to that complete level, but Ted, more so, more so will, and you will facilitate this.

9. For this is what I'm doing—I'm revealing Myself in power and glory and Ted, to every single individual who will bow before Me and inquire of Me and acknowledge and see if I'm who I say I am.

10. Think not on the tiny nuances of doctrine and beliefs expressed by those who wish to delineate their beliefs so clearly. I have My rules, My precepts, My principles, My law, but Ted, so far beyond those, I have Me, and Me is coming and revealing to My creation My expansive never-ending love for those I died for.

11. And Ted, I died for the orthodox Jew. I died for the orthodox Greek. I died for you and your family and your seed into generations yet unnumbered. Do I care for them more than you? Or Ted, you more than them? No, no, no. I care, I care, I care. I come. I came and I still come and I'm coming and revealing Myself to you and My body globally as never before in the history of man.

12. Ted, that's why love must dominate you, not get-mode, self-elevation, self-exaltation and puffery of man made imagination based on foundations of greed and fear and mammon. Love must dominate you to do what I tell you to do. Love must dominate your motives when you walk where I say walk—and your responses not knowing how to respond. Ted, Me—love, love My people and teach My people to love My people.

13. Ted, that's why discernment must develop and mature in you, in you, in you more, and in My body. Discernment, discernment, discernment, the core of wisdom, knowing how to recognize and apply wisdom, knowledge and

understanding—truth—to every circumstance with people you find yourself addressing, walking with, talking with, negotiating with, buying from, selling to, associating with, relationshipping with, relationshipping with others. Ted, so many look one way but are another and without Me, without wisdom and discernment operating in Me—in truth, much hurt experienced will be.

14. I choose that not for My people, not for you, not for your seed, not for your generations to come, not for your relatives, not for your friends, your colleagues, your neighbors, your city, your state, your anything. Nor do I for any of those—of My body, My creation, who I want to exalt and promote and over-abundance in My freedom-making, poverty-of-thought-destroying, guidance to you today, and to them.

15. So many exalt themselves but am I not somewhere in them Ted? Did I not create them? Did I not die for them? And Ted, do I not now cry for them? Do I not now make intercession for them? Do I not try to get them to notice My presence more and begin to know Me for who I am—who I am, who I am, and know I am not just tradition and words and liturgy and a historical figure to be honored?

16. I seek love. I am love. I love. I create and I created you. I created My body and all of My body came through my body. That's why it hurts Me so when My body hurts, and especially when My body hurts My body.

17. I have My non-negotiables Ted—the Cross, the blood, My blood, My plan of redemption, My New and Living Covenant. Ted, is that enough? Is that enough? Is that enough Ted? Is that 'list' long enough? So short it is, so short, but Ted, it's Me. I don't negotiate, I give, I give, I give, and I give so much more than what I am given, but it's Me and it's who I am and how I choose to be, and how I choose to operate with My creation, My creation who I died for.

18. Oh Ted, help My people to come to Me and not to man.
Help them come to Me and not to tradition.
Help them come to Me and not doctrine.
I will make Myself known and I will speak and I will speak for Myself far more often than I will have others speak for Me—if, if, if they will but, simply, let Me.

19. I am not tradition, I am not liturgy, I am not symbols, I am not rules, I am not religion, I am not religious, I am Spirit, I am truth, I am love, and Ted, I am The Great Lover, The One Great Lover who loves all My creation.

20. Now here is what I want you to do, you Ted, you reader and hearer, you who I died for—regardless of who you are, your background, your beliefs and affiliations, I want, I request, I invite, I ask, I ask, I ask you to please, please, please, let Me be Me, let Me be Me, let Me be Me in you. Let Me be Me in the people beside you, in your family members, in your colleagues, in your assemblages, in your cities and your world. Let Me be Me and open to Me and

see if I will not open to you and pour out upon you—not dollars, not prestige, not power over people—I will pour out of Me—of who I am, with My presence, My love, My touch, My forgiveness, My empowerment to walk in who I designed you to be.

21. I ask you to let Me be Me in My others, the others who don't look just like you look, My others who don't believe just like you believe, My others who do things you think odd or funny or even sacrilegious. Your definition of religiousness that is righteous is not My definition. I am God and I make the rules, I make the definitions, the rules and definitions that count—count for eternity, for eternity, for eternity with Me, or eternity without Me.

22. Respect, respect, respect. Ted, call for respect in My body across all spectrums of those who express any desire to know Me—worship Me in any way. Call for a level of respect that no one, no one Ted, no one has had for fellow worshippers of different beliefs. Call My people to love and not linger and loiter at meeting table trying to figure how to exclude others to maintain their kingdoms, their personal kingdoms.

23. Call for My body to love My body. Call My body to read your words, all your words which I have given you, and count the sentences, the paragraphs, the phrases I speak, I spoke, and I will speak, about love, honoring each other, respecting each other, caring for My body, Ted, even deferring to others, not walking, talking and operating in arrogance. Call for revitalization of such foundational understandings of the simplest terms: love, love, love.

24. See Me in My people. See Me in My people. Look for Me in My people, My creation, yet discern and be wise and let Me guide you in matters all—those thought-commercial, those thought-spiritual, those not even thought of.

25. I come and I call and I confirm and I create and I mature and Ted, I come now to ask you and all My body to increase your understanding of who I am and how I operate and what I value and what I scorn, reject, and laugh at in derision. That spectrum of knowledge and understanding is available to you, completely, and to all who come get it, and eat at table with Me, and lovers be.

26. I challenge you this day, take off your armaments which you think protect you, with some people, around some people, and let them into your world, your thinking, your family of friends.

27. And others Ted, put on your armaments to protect, protect, and wisdom in warfare against those who would only control and manipulate, with ultimate destruction of themselves.

28. Ted, discern, discern, discern. I call for discernment to increase. I call for wisdom to increase. I call for My body to mature and operate how I designed My body to operate. Labels deceive both ways—be not deceived.

29. Walk forth this day in wisdom, gentle, but meek. And Ted, meekness is powerfulness.

30. Watch what I do. I know when to turn the other cheek and I know when to make a whip of cords and drive people out of My temple. I did. I do. And you must, you must, My body must.

31. Love, cherish, cherish friendships, cherish the kids of your friends, cherish the lambs, cherish each other. Let nothing be taken for granted.

32. I come. I call. I love. Love Me more. Thank you for writing these pages of words which communicate My message today—to all who will listen to Me and be open to what I am doing and doing at light speed in all who will let Me.

33. My big world. My big world. My big world Ted.
Watch me, watch Me, watch Me.
Hang on, hang on—here we go.

34. I fly. I am. I enjoy. I see. I do.
And Ted, you too, you too, you too.
You too, My reader, My hearer, My intention-of-My-heart—
You too.
You too.
Us all.
Thank you.
Thank you.
Thank you.